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Applicant(s): Vodyanoy *et al.*
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AMENDMENT
37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

requested that an initialed copy of these Forms 1449 be forwarded to the undersigned with the next communication from the PTO. In order to facilitate review of the references by the Examiner, copies of the Information Disclosure Statements and the Forms 1449 are attached hereto. Copies of the cited references were provided at the time of filing the original Information Disclosure Statement, and, therefore, no additional copies of the references are submitted herewith. Applicants will be pleased to provide additional copies of the references upon the Examiner's request if it proves difficult to locate the original references.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §§112, second paragraph, 102(b), and 103(a) are overcome. Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is solicited.


If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject Application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required

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